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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION TO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON DAVIES' ASSASSINATION

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1. GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS WKNUARY 22 CARRIED PROMINENTLY  
STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT JANUARY 20 ON DAVIES'  
ASSASSINATION AND INVESTIGATION. (STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED  
HERE AS USIS PRESS RELEASE, ALSO BY GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION  
OFFICE AS BACKGROUNDER.)

IN NEWS TREATMENT ALL PAPERS

REJECTED -- WITH VARYING DEGREES OF ACRIMONY -- USG

"DISSATISFACTION" WITH GOC EFFORTS TO SOLVE MURDER.

TYPICAL WAS HEADLINE IN PRO-MAKARIOS ELEFTHEROS LAOS:

"ABSOLUTE LIMIT OF AUDACITY." LEFT LEANING, PRO-MAKARIOS

AFTERNOON DAILY APOGEVMATINI IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "YES,

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY?" WROTE: "WE

HAVE NO IDEA WHO ASSASSINATED ROGER DAVIES IN NICOSIA,

THE PERSON MAY NOT BE EASILY FOUND, BUT IT IS NOT

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DIFFICULT TO FIND OUT WHO WAS MORALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE

CRIME -- NONE OTHER THAN THOSE WHO ARE BEHIND THE ATTITUDE THAT ALLOWS LIGHT-HEARTED SPYING ON OTHER COUNTRIES."

2. JANUARY 23 MORNING DAILIES CONTINUED CRITICISM OF STATEMENT. PHILELEFTHEROS, PAPER MOST CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH MAKARIOS, DECLARED: "WE WILL NOT UNCRITICALLY ACCEPT ALL THE DETECTIVE STORIES APPEARING IN THE PRESS ABOUT VIOLENT ACTIVITIES OF CIA AGENTS, BUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT MUST REALIZE THAT SHEDDING LIGHT ON DAVIES' MURDER (IS) NOT AN EASY THING... HAVE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES SOLVED ALL THE SERIOUS CRIMES COMMITTED IN U.S.?"

3. PRO-MAKARIOS ANAGENNISSIS AND ELEFTHEROS LAOS PUT BLAME ON U.S. FOR NOT PROVIDEING SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO GOC TO SOLVE CRIME, EDITORIALIZED THAT USG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DAVIES' DEATH AND EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH U.S. INVESTIGATIONS INTO RESPONSIBILITY FOR TURKISH INVASION, SUBSEQUENT SUFFERING ON CYPRUS. ELEFTHEROS LAOS CHARGED EMBASSY NICOSIA WITH REFUSAL TO HAND OVER "CIA AGENT WHO WAS SENT TO CYPRUS TO KILL DAVIS" AND CONCLUDES THAT "IF KISSINGER WERE INTERESTED IN SEEING JUSTICE DONE, HE WOULD NOT HAVE INITIATED THE INVASION." LYSSARIDES' TA NEA COMMENTED WITH USUAL VENOM: "WE ON OUR PART ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH AMERICANS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, CIA, PENTAGON AND WHITE HOUSE WHO RUINED OUR COUNTRY. WE HOLD AMERICANS RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER, RAPE AND OPPRESSION ON THE ISLAND SINCE JULY, 191 ##."

4. GOVERNMENT-OWNED CBC (RADIO AND TV) HAS BEEN STRAIGHTFORWARD AND OBJECTIVE REPORTING DEPARTMENT STATEMENT WITHOUT COMMENT.  
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